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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks, favorable reconsideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that Claim 2 includes allowable subject matter.

Claim 1 has been amended to recite the allowable subject matter of Claim 2. Claim 2 has been cancelled. Withdrawn Claims 15 – 28 have been cancelled.

Claims 1, 3 – 7, and 10 – 12 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by, or in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0128392 to Zen.

As noted above, independent Claim 1 has been amended to recite the allowable subject matter of Claim 2. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that Claim 1 and any claims dependent thereon are patentable over the cited reference and that the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102 and 103 have been overcome.

Conclusion

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

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